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Ron - below is a summary of the key points of the open Letter to the Administrator which came in yesterday. **Ex. 5 - Deliberative**

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**December 6, 2011 Open Letter to EPA Regarding Dimock, PA**  
**December 8, 2011**  
**- Key Points-**

## Call for Intervention

*Groundwater contamination related to hydraulic fracturing for gas development is widespread (“Dozens of extreme cases”, “hints into hundreds if not thousands more”)*

- Water with explosive levels of thermogenic natural gas
- Water has tested positive for industrial fracking chemicals
- Water made animals and residents sick after drinking

*Want investigation by PA inspector general*

- PADEP failure to fulfill regulatory responsibility
- Undue influence of oil and gas interests in PA
  - o Move away from water line coincided with change in administration in PA
  - o Not holding Cabot responsible for continued water provision
  - o PA government influenced by campaign contributions and lobbying
  - o Local officials have colluded with industry. (Denial of Binghampton assistance)

*EPA should intervene and ensure relief*

- EPA’s decision not to act was based on a partial review of data with not independent testing by EPA, using flawed data provided by Cabot and the DEP.
- Some results reported by Cabot are for samples that are not representative due to method of collection, and the method of collection may have caused lower reported levels of lead, iron, and manganese.
- Suggest investigation similar to Pavillion, Wyoming investigation.
- Want EPA to stand behind May 2011 statement: “EPA will step in to protect local residents if a driller jeopardizes clean water and the state government does not act”